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Alicia Matthews  
Director, Cable Division  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Matthews,

Please support Verizon's proposal with the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) to streamline the competitive cable franchise process. A faster process for new entrants will benefit all consumers in Massachusetts. While my town does not have a competitive choice, I hear in communities where Verizon is offering its FiOS TV, cable providers are lowering their prices and improving service to be competitive. I want the opportunity to benefit from competition too.

Until the process changes, new providers are not easily able to enter the cable TV market. As a consumer who has choices for almost every other product and service on the market today, the existing process for offering cable franchises is not acceptable.

Verizon has said it plans to continue to expand its FiOS TV service to as many consumers as possible. For it to continue its investment, it must be able to offer service more expeditiously. Their investment is not only good for consumers but for the state's economy as well.

Please give Massachusetts consumers the opportunity to benefit from more choices and competition in the cable TV market.

Regards,

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